

## CLAIM AMENDMENTS

### IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application or previous response to office action:

1-32. (Cancelled)

33. **(Currently Amended)** A method for adjusting the data rate of a data stream in a communication device such that the data stream is divided into at least one data block including transmission bits to be transmitted, comprising:

forming the transmission bits from information-carrying input bits by an encoding process; removing specific transmission bits from a data block of the data stream for the adaptation of the data rate;

removing the transmission bits according to a dotting pattern;

configuring the dotted pattern that 8 of 48 bits of the data block are dotted, and the 8 ~~to-of~~ 48 bits of the data block are bits 1, 2, 4, 8, 42, 45, 47 and 48.

34. **(Previously Presented)** A method for adjusting the data rate of a data stream in a communication device such that the data stream is divided into at least one data block which includes transmission bits to be transmitted, comprising:

forming the transmission bits from information-carrying input bits by an encoding process; removing specific transmission bits from a data block of the data stream for the adaptation of the data rate;

removing the transmission bits according to a dotting pattern;

configuring the dotting pattern such that 31 of 111 bits of the data block are dotted, wherein the 31 of 111 bits of the data block are bits 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 14, 15, 24, 42, 48, 54, 57, 60, 66, 69, 96, 99, 101, 102, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110 and 111.

35. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 33, wherein the transmission bits to be transmitted are transmitted via the HS-SCCH corresponding to the UMTS standard.

36. (**Currently Amended**) A communication device, comprising:  
a rate adjustment device for dotting or repeating a data block of a data stream supplied to the rate adjustment device according to a specific rate adjustment pattern for adjusting the data rate of the data stream, wherein  
the rate adjustment device removes or repeats corresponding bits from the data block by dotting or repetition with respect to the rate adjustment pattern,  
the rate adjustment device is configured such that the rate adjustment is carried out on the basis of a dotting pattern or a repetition pattern which dots 8 of 48 bits of the data block, and the 8 ~~to~~ of 48 bits of the data block are bits 1, 2, 4, 8, 42, 45, 47 and 48.

37. (Previously Presented) A communication device, comprising:  
a rate adjustment device for dotting or repeating a data block of a data stream supplied to the rate adjustment device according to a specific rate adjustment pattern for adjusting the data rate of the data stream, wherein  
the rate adjustment device removes or repeats corresponding bits from the data block by dotting or repetition with respect to the rate adjustment pattern, and  
the rate adjustment device is configured such that the rate adjustment is carried out on the basis of a dotting pattern or a repetition pattern which dots 31 of 111 bits of the data block, wherein  
the 31 of 111 bits of the data block are bits 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 14, 15, 24, 42, 48, 54, 57, 60, 66, 69, 96, 99, 101, 102, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110 and 111.

38. (Previously Presented) The communication device according to claim 36, wherein the communication device is one of a mobile radio transmission device or mobile radio reception device.

39. (Previously Presented) The communication device according to claim 37, wherein the communication device is one of a mobile radio transmission device or mobile radio reception device.

40. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 34, wherein the transmission bits to be transmitted are transmitted via the HS-SCCH corresponding to the UMTS standard.

41. (**Currently Amended**) The method according to claim ~~35~~36, wherein the transmission bits to be transmitted are transmitted via the HS-SCCH corresponding to the UMTS standard.